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Up-and-Coming

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.—
“Inside Africa Today: Press Freedoms
and Politics,” featuring Ray Ekpu, editor
of *Newsweek*, the Nigerian newsweekly.
Mr. Ekpu was named the International
Editor of the Year by *World Press Re-
view* Magazine, sponsor of this event.
Bogert Room. No charge for OPCers or
guests. RSVP to Elizabeth Caldwell of
World Press Review at 212-697-6162.

Monday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.—
“Salute to Women of the Overseas Press”
Book Night with OPCers **Julia Edwards**,
author of *Women of the World: The
Great Foreign Correspondents*, sharing
the dais with **Irene Corbally Kuhn** and
Liz Trotta. In addition to the achieve-
ments of women, Edwards’ talk will focus
on “Their Editors, Competitors, Enemies
and Emulators.”

**Members free, guests \$5. Cash bar, all
functions. Reservations requested; call
Mary Novick 212-983-4655.**

OPC Hdqtrs To Close Temporarily On June 3

The Chemists’ Club building at 52 East
41 Street—headquarters for the Overseas
Press Club and several other groups—
will close its doors on June 3 for renova-
tions, which could last up to 18 months.

The decision to renovate the premises
was made by the Blakeley Group of
London, which purchased the building
earlier this year.

The Chemists’ Club, meanwhile is
making arrangements for the OPC and
its other affiliates to use the services at
several clubs in the midtown area during
the shutdown period. So far, the Prince-
ton Club at 15 West 43 Street has been
named as one of these reciprocal clubs.
After June 3, food and beverage facilities
will be available at the Princeton Club,
Monday through Friday, for breakfast,
lunch and dinner. OPCers should present
their membership card when using the
reciprocal clubs, the complete list of
which will be announced next month.

Glittering Affair Features Sagan, Bradley, Walters, Even Rice—But NO Dubinin

The 49th Annual OPC Awards Dinner

by Fred Ferguson

In the best of journalistic traditions, the OPC met a hastily imposed—and totally unexpected—deadline: Less than two weeks before its 49th Annual Awards Dinner on April 19th, the Club received word that the evening’s keynote speaker, Soviet Ambassador Yuri V. Dubinin, was called back to Moscow to prepare for the forthcoming summit conference. Shortly after that, Oleg Benyukh, the editor of *Soviet Life* who was to accompany Dubinin, sent his regrets to the Club too.

But the OPC made more than a gracious recovery when Dr. Carl Sagan, the astron-
omer and Pulitzer Prize-winning author,
agreed to fill in for the Russians, round-
ing out a program which included Ed
Bradley of *60 Minutes* and Barbara
Walters of *20/20*. Even Donna Rice was
there—with everybody craning their
necks to see her seated next to **Jim Gaines**
at the *People Magazine* table.

Dr. Sagan’s talk, “Dateline Earth: A
Report from the Intergalactic Press
Club,” presented a stellar press club’s
view of Earth, with the unmatched dry
humor for which Cornell’s renowned
astronomy professor is known on the
lecture circuit.

Sagan’s reporters from outer space
rapidly summed up the evils man has
rendered unto himself, placing him today
in a perilous state with a grim future.

The report noted there were “only two
sexes” among humans and suggested,
“they are in many ways impoverished,”
having “invented armies, priests and
bankers—the usual downward slide.”

Sagan mentioned such problems as
fluorocarbons producing the threat of
climactic changes, the specter of AIDS
and a billion people starving for lack of
\$300 billion when \$500 billion is wasted
on illegal drugs.

Sagan said the leaders of earth’s
nations were obviously not eager to tell
the truth on all issues.

“What they really need,” he said, “is a
baloney detection kit.”

“Fortunately there is a community
of truth-tellers. In some cases the truth
tends to come out. The existence of this
band is reason, in our preliminary judg-
ment, that faith in the planet earth is
possible.”

OPC President **Herb Kupferberg**
conferred the President’s Award to ABC
Correspondent Barbara Walters, “a TV



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**Ed Bradley of CBS-TV’s 60 Minutes and
Barbara Walters of ABC-TV’s 20/20
shared the limelight at the Annual Awards
Dinner.**

news pioneer without peer” to which
Walters responded. “I’ve never felt so old
in my life.”

Paying tribute to each member of her
staff, including her hairdresser, makeup
person and secretaries Monica and
Veronica, she said she was “glad to see
Donna Rice here tonight...I think she
showed a lot of class.”

Ms. Rice, a Florida model, was cata-
pulted into the nation’s consciousness
last May when the *Miami Herald* re-
vealed that she had spent a weekend in a
Washington townhouse with Senator
Gary Hart of Colorado, then a contender
for the Democratic nomination for
President. As a result of the publicity
that ensued, Hart, who is married, re-
signed from the race. And Rice became a
household name.

In her article for *Dateline*—which this
year was splendidly conceived and put
together by *People Magazine* under the

see Page 3

Who's doing what, when, where and, if there's space, why

by Ralph D. Gardner

HERE'S THE BOOK I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR: The many OPCers who responded after I wrote in the May 1987 *Bulletin* about women correspondents I admired during World War II, and of the need now for a book on their accomplishments, will share my delight with the news that this book will hit the stands on June 21. Written by OPC member **Julia Edwards** (herself a foreign correspondent for 25 years) for Houghton Mifflin, *Women of the World: The Great Foreign Correspondents* will be unveiled by Edwards at OPC Book Night on the 23rd. (See Up-and-Coming, page 1.)

Advance publicity indicates that Julia's book reports on the exploits of these heroines from the 19th Century to those who are currently covering catastrophic events in various parts of the world. I hope her book receives the widespread attention its subject deserves. To set up interviews, etc., contact Houghton Mifflin publicist Lynn Krise, 212-599-5280—or phone Julia at Longboat Key, Fla., 813-383-0016.



Photo by Lee Miller. Courtesy Syracuse University.

Two of the great women correspondents cited in *Women of the World*: Former OPCer **Marguerite Higgins** (above) who did not pause to wash her face before a photographer shot this candid picture of her during the Korean War; and **Margaret Bourke-White**, in England during WWII beside the Flying Flit Gun. The crew of this U.S. Army Air Force bomber named an engine **Peggy** in Bourke-White's honor.



THROUGH THE LENS OF GENIUS: Member **Cornell Capa**, director of the International Center of Photography, announces these exhibitions:

May 6-July 20, **Josef Konderka**, 160 prints of the photographer's early work with gypsies in Czechoslovakia, Warsaw Pact armies intervention in Prague, 1968, and photos of his European and American travels since 1970.

May 6-June 14, **William James Stillman** (1828-1902), 60 vintage prints by the photographer, made in Europe and America.

At IPC/Midtown: May 20-July 16, works of **Bruce Charlesworth**.

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PANAMA OBSERVER: OPCer **Thomas B. Mechling** of the *Washington Spectator*, recently traveled by military aircraft to Panama. For 16 days he "is to observe and report on National Guard units," stated the military Special Order, which added that Tom's "travel is necessary to the public interest."

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WHERE'S OUR FRAN TONIGHT?: Maybe Washington or Los Angeles, but on April 30, **Fran Carpentier**, Articles Editor of *Parade* magazine (and *OPC Bulletin* editor), spoke at the 17th Annual American Society of Journalists and Authors Writers' Conference. Her subject was "Finding Ideas that Sell." The all-day literary event brought together America's authors, publishers, editors, agents, TV producers and film executives to explore current markets and trends.

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THE WASHINGTON WIRE: **Barrett McGurn**, veteran OPCer and our 1963-65 President, has been elected to the board of directors of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the main Catholic national weekly newspaper. He continues as the associate publisher of the two weekly Catholic newspapers of the Washington, D.C., Archdiocese.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY: We learn from OPC's North Country correspondent, **Al Kaff**, that member **Dan Morris** is the newly-elected chairman of the Ithaca, N.Y., Press Club. With about 65 members, the group holds monthly lunches with newsworthy speakers. Dan, now a communications consultant to industry and the federal government and an editor for John Wiley & Sons book publishers, is himself the author of four books, including *Okinawa; a Tiger by the Tail*, which was featured at an OPC Book Night.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR!: OPCer **Werner Renberg** is co-author of *Making Money with Mutual Funds*, published by John Wiley & Sons in March. Former OPC President **Anita Diamant** is Werner's agent.

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(OPC) FAMILY PORTRAIT: From their headquarters in Villefranche-sur-Mer, France, we received a photo taken at Maidenhead, England, last July of the three **Macauleys**. OPC members all, **Doris, Thurston** and son **Ted** were enjoying a happy get-together between worldwide assignments.



OPC crew: **Ted, Thurston and Doris Macauley**.

'NAM CORRESPONDENTS' DIRECTORY: The indefatigable **Al Kaff** also sent word that news of the OPC's directory of journalists who covered the war in Vietnam for U.S. news organizations was published in the *Tokyo Weekender* as well as in *The Correspondent*, the journal of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong.

Just in case you weren't listening the first time we mentioned it, the 30-page directory contains names and the most recent addresses for more than 400 reporters, broadcasters, photographers and authors. Single copies are available from the OPC. Checks for \$10, covering mailing and handling, should be made payable to the Overseas Press Club of America, 310 Madison Ave., Suite 2116, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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THE P.R. NEWS AWARD: At a black tie gala May 19th, OPCer **Denny Griswold**, founder and editor of *PR News*, will present to USIA director **Charles Z. Wick** the 1988 P.R. Professional of the Year Award. He was elected to that coveted honor—the most prestigious in its field—by *Public Relations News* readers throughout the U.S. and 91 other countries. The event will be attended by more than 500 leaders in journalism, business, communications, government, religion, education, advertising, public relations and public affairs.

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banner "Politics and the Press: Has the media focus on 'character' distorted the race of '88?"—Rice wrote about her experiences with the media, without once mentioning Senator Hart. She also praised Barbara Walters and *Life Magazine* for the way they handled their interviews with her—but she was critical of the rest of the media.

"The media have a duty to exercise compassion and restraint," Rice wrote.

Lighting the OPC's candle of remembrance for its fellow journalists, Freedom of the Press Committee Chairman **Norman Schorr** cited a report by the Committee to Protect Journalists, which documented more than 600 cases of attacks on the press in 75 countries last year. At least 26 journalists were killed and 75 were imprisoned or held hostage in 22 countries.

Schorr told his audience: "I think that many of us can remember when reporters, photographers and broadcasters just observed, made notes, took pictures, filed their stories and film—and did the other things involved in covering the news.



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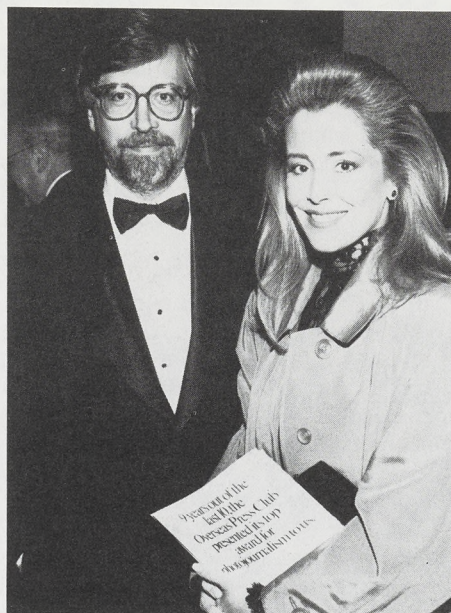
Norman Schorr lights candle of remembrance.

"Sadly, some were caught in the line of fire and they were killed—although generally they were not the target.

"Today, that has changed. In too many places in the world, the journalist has become the target—of murder, intimidation, harassment, arrest, torture, detention without trial and more."

Schorr also urged support for Article 19, The International Centre on Censorship. This new organization takes its name from Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which declares free speech and press right adopted by the U.N. General Assembly, Dec. 10, 1948. Based in London, Article 19 is the inspiration of the late J. Roderick MacArthur, once an AP correspondent and the father of OPCer **John D. MacArthur**, publisher of *Harper's Magazine*.

Schorr and several of the award-winners appealed for the release of AP



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Jim Gaines, managing editor of People, escorted Donna Rice a Dateline contributor.

Correspondent Terry Anderson, who has been held captive in Lebanon for more than three years.

The Awards Committee Chairman **Morton Frank** introduced Ed Bradley, co-editor of CBS' *60 Minutes*, who presented 16 awards in 14 categories.

Before beginning the presentations, however, Bradley told of his early dreams of becoming a correspondent and recalled that, while he was assigned to cover the riots over school desegregation in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville section of Brooklyn in 1967, a WCBS commercial proclaimed, "Other stations may have a correspondent in Moscow, London, or Paris, but WCBS has a man on Pitkin Avenue...Ed Bradley in Brooklyn!"

About 500 OPCers and their guests attended this year's Awards Dinner, which took place in the Empire Ballroom of Manhattan's Grand Hyatt Hotel. The most moving moments of the evening occurred during the award ceremony, when several of the winners announced their intentions to donate the prize money to continue the aims advanced by their work: Brian Ross and Ira Silverman of *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, for example, said they would donate their \$1000 honorarium to "Hands Across the Bahamas," a group trying to fight cocaine trafficking in that region; Raymond Bonner, author of *Waltzing with a Dictator*, donated his \$1000 to the Committee to Protect Journalists and to Article 19; and Brian Ellis of CBS Network News said that he and Walter Cronkite (who was not present) would create a \$1000 scholarship at a South African University in memory of Cicelo Godfrey Dloomo, a 17-year-old black boy who was killed shortly after they interviewed him for *CBS Reports: Children of Apartheid*.



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(Top, l to r) Walter Anderson, editor of Parade, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Downs and OPC President Herb Kupferberg, and the trusty crew of the OPC Bulletin (bottom, l to r) Ralph D. Gardner, Bob Dunphy, Fran Carpentier and Fred Ferguson.



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These were the winners:

Joseph Allbright, Marcia Kunstel and Rick McKay, Cox Newspapers, "Stolen Childhood."

Raymond Bonner, Times Books, *Waltzing With a Dictator: The Marcoses and the Making of American Policy*. James Allen Flanery, *Omaha World-Herald*, "World Agriculture: Growing Pains."

Business Week, "Japan: Remaking a Nation."

Herbert Block, *The Washington Post*, for cartoons.

Time Magazine, "Gorbachev's Revolution."

David Zucchino, *The Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine*, "Smothering the Flames of Black Revolution."

Brian Ellis and Walter Cronkite, *CBS News*, "CBS Reports: Children of Apartheid."

NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, for Brian Ross's international drug investigations.

CBS News Radio, "Newsmark: Patrolling the Gulf."

CBS News Radio, for its Persian Gulf coverage.

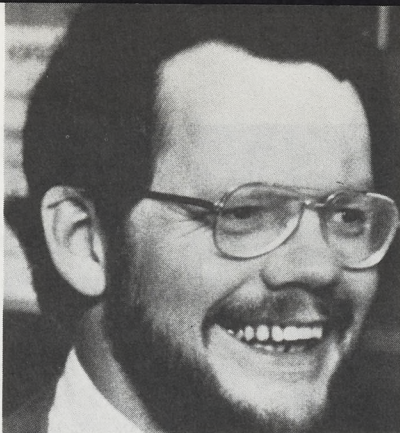
Gary Porter, photographer, *The Milwaukee Journal*, "Empty Cradles: The Global Tragedy of Child Mortality."

Sebastiao Salgado, photographer, *The New York Times Magazine*, "An Epic Struggle for Gold."

Janet Knott, photographer, *The Boston Globe*, "Democracy: What Price?"

The Wall Street Journal, "Islam on the Move."

Margaret Ellen Hale, Gannett News Service, "AIDS: A Killer Stalks the Globe."



Terry Anderson of Associated Press

A Simple Appeal For Mercy

While accepting their honors at the podium of the Grand Hyatt's Empire Ballroom, several of the winners at the OPC Awards Dinner bade the members of the audience "to remember Terry Anderson," the AP reporter being held captive in Beirut, and "to do something to help him."

Mindful of that noble goal, and as a tribute to these professionals who, during their brief moment in the limelight, cared enough to remind us of Terry Anderson's plight, and with gratitude to The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, we publish the following appeal from our colleagues in Tokyo:

Terry Anderson of the Associated Press was kidnapped by unknown persons in Beirut three years ago—March 16, 1985.

Terry's many friends and his colleagues in this Club are saddened and deeply concerned that he is still deprived of his liberty because he was doing a journalist's job of seeking the truth in order to report it.

We appeal to his captors, in the name of humanitarianism and natural justice, to end his ordeal and release him. Terry's friends in Japan, where he lived from 1977-1981, know him as a conscientious journalist and a respected colleague. He was kidnapped in the course of a reporting assignment and those who worked with him know that he is a journalist pure and simple—nothing else. Keeping Terry as a hostage is cruel and unreasonable, and can do nothing but harm to the political cause of those who are holding him in the eyes of world opinion.

At the same time we appeal to all governments and persons who may be in a position to influence events in Lebanon to do everything in their power to help secure the release of Terry Anderson, other journalists and all the others who are hostages and innocent victims of the conflict in Lebanon.

*Naoaki Usui, President
Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan*

*William Horsley, Chairman
Freedom of the Press Committee
Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan*

On View: Photos By Jevremovic

Still-life images done in available light by the photographer Beatriz Romero Jevremovic will be on display in the Photo Gallery at the Club throughout May.

Jevremovic studied color photography with the late Ernst Haas and Jay Maisel. Wherever in the world she happens to be, she sees abstract relations in everything from a leaf to a wall. Her work is in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Jevremovic is a member of the Soho Photo Gallery and Women in Photography. She is listed in *The International Who's Who of Contemporary Achievement* and in *Foremost Women of the Twentieth Century*.

OPC Protests Noriega's Abuse

Norman A. Schorr, Chairman of the Freedom of the Press Committee, reports that the following cable was sent to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega of Panama on March 29th by the Overseas Press Club:

Overseas Press Club of America, of New York, representing journalists around the world, strongly protests your government's roundup, detention and harsh treatment of U.S. and foreign journalists in Panama City on Monday, March 28. We are glad to know that most have been released.

Arrest of journalists violates Article 19, U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, and is condemned by free nations around the world.

We urge that you protect the right of journalists to do their work free from harassment, intimidation and physical harm. We seek your assurance that any journalists still being held will be released, or if held, will be humanely treated.

We also seek your assurance that journalists will not be harassed in the future.

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